

ED NEALD'S CAREER.

An Interesting Letter from Ashland, Ky., about the Man

WHOM FRANK CHURCH ASSAULTED.

He is Said to have had a Habit of Insulting Women--The Inquest into the Cause of Neald's death Finished and the Verdict Rendered Yesterday--The Evidence.

In view of the provocation which Frank Church claims to have had for the assault on Ed Neald, the agent of the Southwestern Publishing company who died from the injuries inflicted by Church with a club, the following letter, received yesterday by Church, is interesting:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ASHLAND, KY., Nov. 26.

Mr. Frank Church,
Sinc--Looking over the Cincinnati Enquirer of November 21, 1891, I see your name connected with a difficulty with a man by the name of Neald. Believing I know this man and that the information I may give you may be of some benefit to you, I take the liberty of writing to you. In the latter part of October, 1890, there was a man giving his name as Ed Neald came to our city in company with another young man whose name I forget, representing themselves to be from Louisville, and selling Bibles and albums. They had not been here but a few days until a Mr. Brammer, from Ironton, Ohio, came here hunting them, alleging that this man Neald had insulted a young lady living with him. I think he told me the young lady was his adopted daughter. Also another man a few days after Brammer came hunting him for insulting his wife, and he said to me he would do him up if he found him, but he did not find him.

Now, I think this man Neald is the same man. He was a tall, light-complected fellow, if my memory serves me right, and he is in the habit of insulting ladies, as the deputy sheriff of our county had to do him up for insulting a lady in the cars coming from Catlettsburg to this city, and our city docket shows a fine entered thereon of \$5 and costs, amounting to \$9.65, on November 6, 1890, for the same offence. Now, what I would say is that if this is any good to you you can fully establish it. I have not heard of Neald since he was in the courts here, but I am fully satisfied that this is the same rascal. Yours,

WILLIAM SENEY,
Marshal of the City of Ashland, Boyd county, Ky.

THE INQUEST CONCLUDED.

Yesterday at half past nine o'clock the coroner's jury impaneled by County Coroner Phillips on Thursday to inquire and true presentment make as to what manner and by what means Edward Neald came to his death, reassembled at the office of the coroner, on Twelfth street, to commence the taking of testimony. All the jurors, Messrs. H. P. McGregor, John Howell, William H. Phillips, William Ellingham, C. F. Brandegee, and Eugene Hanks, were promptly on hand. Coroner Phillips presided, while the State was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Howard and Hon. G. W. Atkinson, and Frank Church by Capt. B. B. Dovenor. Stenographer T. M. Garvin took the testimony in short hand.

The first witness examined was the city health officer, Dr. Spragg. He told all he knew of the case. He first saw Neald at the city building about noon of November 24. He found a cut on the head and a bruise over the ear, and the doctor sewed up the cut, to do which required several stitches. The wounds had the appearance of having been inflicted by a blunt instrument. The man was conscious when the doctor was first called, but had become unconscious when he next saw him about three o'clock. The patient complained of pain in his head, and was given medicine to relieve that. This was to be given every four to six hours, and the doctor supposed the directions had been followed.

AN OVERDOSE OF THE MEDICINE would produce coma or unconsciousness. The man remained unconscious until he died. Captain Dovenor wanted to know if the cause of a man's death could be decided if he had received a mortal wound and also taken a dose of medicine sufficient to cause death. To this the doctor responded that it would be difficult to tell definitely just which of the possible causes was the actual cause of death. He thought that just about one dose of the medicine had been given out of the ounce bottle. The man had one eye dilated and the other about normal, which would indicate that this was the result of a blood-clot, because an overdose of cloral would cause dilation of the two eyes uniformly.

THE AUTOPSY.

Dr. L. D. Wilson, the county physician, said that he had made a post mortem examination of Neald's body. He found a contused wound near the crown of the head, near the line of the ear, and the skull was discovered to be fractured above the right ear. There was a V-shaped cut on the right side and a bruise on the left arm. There was a blood clot on the left side of the base of the brain. There was no pressure on the brain arising from the fracture. There was an ounce or two of blood in the clot. There was also another injury in the left convolution of the brain, where small clots had formed. It was evident that death was due to the shock and concussion of the blows on the head. The other organs were sound and in good condition. There was nothing about the condition of the body to indicate an overdose of cloral. Death was due to the wounds on the head, which were such as are commonly inflicted by a blunt instrument.

AN EYE WITNESS.

George Hess, a boy of 14 who lives on Sixteenth street, was next put on the stand. He saw the meeting between Church and Neald on Eleventh street, Tuesday. His attention was first attracted by hearing somebody yell, and when he looked he saw Neald and Church in front of a barber shop on Eleventh street, between Main and Water. Church was striking Neald with a club, and hit him more than one time, though the boy did not know how many times, as he got excited and ran away before the thing was over. He saw Neald go down Main street and into Frew & Pertsch's furniture store, where two men led him. He saw Church last on Main street, when he had the club in his hand and was saying something, Neald, when he was being struck, had his arm over his head, and had nothing in his hand. He did not hear what was said by either. He saw Officer West take Neald down into Gauss's barber shop. There was an express wagon across the street. He could not say

whether the club used was the end of a wagon tongue or not.

THEY SAW IT, TOO.

Charles Stump, the express man whose stable is not far from the scene of the encounter, saw Church just before and just after the assault. He heard somebody say there was a scuffling match up on the corner and ran up. Church still had the stick in his hand. He said he would fix the man that insulted his wife, and told of Neald's selling his wife a Bible and returning in his absence to sell her an album, but did not say what he had done to Neald.

Harry Woodward, who works at the Adams express office, saw part of the assault. He could not see whether Church hit Neald or not, but he struck at him several times. Neald had his hands up to protect himself and was running. The witness saw Church afterward, down by the Pan-Handle station. He had the club still. It was red and looked like a wagon spoke. Church was muttering something, but the witness could not hear what he said.

OFFICER WEST'S TESTIMONY.

Officer John West, of the city police force, said that he was going along Main street and saw the excitement. He went and got Neald and took him to Gauss's barber shop, where he washed the blood off him, and then took him to the police headquarters. Neald said that he did not want a doctor. West afterwards found Church at the depot and put him under arrest, but did not lock him up. He asked Neald what the trouble was, and he said that Church accused him of insulting his wife, but he did not think he had done it. Church told him that he went home and found his wife still sitting up, and very much frightened. She said "that man" had been there again, and had wanted her to kiss him, had tried to catch hold of her, and chased her around the table. Afterwards she said he had come back and tried to get in the house, first by the window and then by the door. This made the husband very angry, he said, and

WHEN HE MET NEALD.

he went up to him and said, "You insulted my wife," and then struck him over the head with a piece of a wagon shaft that he had got at a carriage works on his way down in the morning. When he struck Neald, Church said, the former ran from him. Neald never complained that Church had done anything wrong. Neald was the taller and heavier man of the two. Church said his wife told him that Neald had asked her if she did not love him, and had said, "You love me and I love you."

This concluded the evidence and the jury, after a few moments consultation, returned the following verdict: We, the jury, find that Edward Neald came to his death as a result of injuries inflicted by Frank Church, on the 24th day of November, 1891.

D. Z. PHILLIPS, Coroner,
H. P. MCGREGOR, Foreman,
JOHN HOWELL,
WM. ELLINGHAM,
C. F. BRANDEGEE,
W. H. FEE,
EUGENE HANSKE.

It was the intention to have a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock before Squire Arkle, in order that the defense might make a case on which to apply to Judge Paul to have Church admitted to bail, but at 2 o'clock Squire Arkle set the case for this afternoon at two.

Capt. Dovenor was retained by Church on the day of the assault, and he and John J. Coniff will take care of the interests of the accused.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

H. G. Bowles, of Monongah, is in the city.

Frank Phillips, of Cameron, is at the Stamm House.

H. R. Thompson, of New Martinsville, is at the St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Eaton, of Kingwood, are at the McClure House.

R. E. Wyard, of Boston, is in the city inspecting Wheeling's iron mills.

J. T. Cassell, of Grafton, was registered at the St. Charles hotel yesterday.

Henry J. Steele, agent of the Henry Burlesque company, was at the Windsor yesterday.

W. S. Wiley, an editor of New Martinsville, registered yesterday at the McClure House.

Prof. Crago came down Thursday night from Buckhannon to spend a day with his family.

Joe W. Young, of West Liberty, who has been laid up with sickness in Pittsburgh for the past six months, is visiting Wheeling friends.

M. P. Ryan, R. J. Malley, R. H. D. Willis and W. C. Ault, of Grafton, were among the West Virginians at the St. Charles hotel yesterday.

Frank Jones and two other members of the "Country Cousin" company are registered at the McClure House; the rest are at the Behler and St. Charles.

Miss Josephine Findling is expected home to-day from Empire, Ohio, where she attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Coyle, in the capacity of bridesmaid.

Miss Lizzie Egerton, who has been home on a Thanksgiving visit, will go back to-day to Steubenville, where she is musical instructress in the public schools.

J. H. Moore, of Clarksburg, Charles Barkham, of Fairmont, E. B. Taylor, of Parkersburg, F. J. Nicholson, of Mannington, and J. R. White, of Hundred, registered yesterday at the Behler.

"Our Country Cousin."

At the Grand last night Frank Jones, a product of Hancock county, this state, again showed his affection for his native heath and demonstrated that the average writer has overlooked the possibilities of romance in the West Virginia Pan-Handle, by presenting his revision play, "Our Country Cousin." The washstand and stone quarry on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh road near Wellsville, the steamer Scotia passing on the river, and the country life scene are really first class, and no more natural drama of this school has been seen on the stage of the Grand. Mr. Jones is a fine actor of the "Joshua Whitcomb" school, and he has a much larger and better company than he usually carries. Frank Young as *Hickory Hopkins* deserves special mention, and the entire cast is satisfactory. The play will be repeated this afternoon at the matinee and the last time this evening.

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The Wheeling Building Association is still open for new members. Meets Saturday evenings at office of Franklin Insurance Company, No. 34 Twelfth street.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

MATINEES at both theatres to-day. OPERA HOUSE this evening--Mantell as *Othello*.

THE GRAND this evening--Frank Jones in "Our Country Cousin."

YESTERDAY afternoon Officer West arrested one Patrick Flash for being drunk in public.

YESTERDAY a horse backed off the tramway at Long's stone quarry, around the hill, and falling thirty feet to the ground below, was killed.

EVERY the persimmons are plenty and finer than usual this year. Some very nice ones were sold at fifteen cents a quart box yesterday.

A young boy pupil of Zion's German Lutheran school, named Stumple, fell down yesterday on the brick pavement of the school house yard and cut a gash in his forehead.

THE Natural Gas company of West Virginia is putting in an underground high pressure regulator at the corner of Twenty-second street and the alley between Market and Main.

HERBERT JEFFRIES, who lives at 83 Nineteenth street, has been missing from home for ten weeks. His family have asked the police to try to find some clue to his whereabouts.

FRANK DORR, the watchman at the Central glass furnace, the other day found a bracelet, to which was suspended a bangle made out of a gold dollar, containing the letters "M. C., 1894."

MARY RITTER was yesterday appointed guardian of Lottie, aged eighteen, and Mary, aged fifteen, minor orphans of F. W. Ritter, deceased, and gave bond in the sum of \$500, with James McCann as surety.

ON Thanksgiving night Mr. Aaron Campbell, of the Eighth ward, and Miss Emma Capp were married by Rev. Mr. Lynch at the home of the bride's parents, corner of Twenty-sixth and Chapline streets.

ON Thanksgiving the orphan girls of the North Wheeling asylum were generously remembered by Mr. Thornton, proprietor of the Brunswick hotel, Mr. M. Hearn, Grand Opera House saloon, and Mr. John Welty, the grocer.

AT 10 o'clock this morning William B. Simpson, executor of the Busby estate, will offer at public sale several parcels of real property belonging to the estate. One of the parcels is the property formerly occupied by Donaldson, Lewis & Co. as a carriage factory.

PAIGE, CARNEY & Co. are driving piles on the south bank of the creek, adjoining the Market street bridge, where several buildings are to be erected by Dr. D. H. Taylor on the piling. This will be a great improvement to the bank, as well as to the appearance of that part of Market street.

THE reception tendered to Rev. J. W. Chenoweth at the North street M. E. church last evening was an enjoyable affair. In the forepart of the evening a fine literary and musical programme was rendered, after which refreshments were served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social converse.

AFTER December 1 no digging can be done in the streets, except in a case of a real emergency, such as the breaking of a water pipe. The plumbers and others are therefore hustling to get all such work done before the time expires in which applications for permits to dig up the streets receive respectful consideration.

FRIEND PALMER yesterday notified the police that while asleep at the home of his brother, Andy, on Sixteenth street, his gold watch valued at \$25, was stolen from his pocket by Cos Wade, of Fulton. The watch was marked with the initials, D. E. M. Lieutenant Lukins was given the case to work up. It was said yesterday afternoon that the taking of the watch was a joke, which Friend tried to turn against the original perpetrators.

LEINER & FARIS, a new firm of architects, composed of Fred Faris, late with E. B. Franzheim, and Mr. Leiner, who has done much important work about Wheeling, have opened a temporary office in the Mutual Bank building. When the Schaefer & Dreihorst building is completed they will have an office there. They already have a good deal of business booked, among other work being the plans for the new St. John's Catholic church at Bellaire.

THERE was a very pleasant gathering at the home of Miss Annie Smith, on South Penn street, Thursday evening. Dancing and euchre were the chief events of the evening. There were about ten couples present, among whom were Messrs. John Beltz, jr., William Metz, Henry Feinler, Harry Brown, William Osterling and Steve Eusted, and Misses Ella Weard, Nellie Stewart, Blanche Barclay, Ella Smith, Nina Odert and Pench Helling, with others. Tempting refreshments were served at a seasonable hour. It was late the next morning when the guests departed, wishing their hostess many happy dreams.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup was used for years as a prescription by a successful physician. It is in all respects the best cough medicine made to-day. Sold by all dealers on a guarantee of satisfaction. DAW

At the Bon-Ton! Another lot of Webster's Unabridged Dictionaries, leather bound, arrived at \$1.39, also the most complete and handsome line will be open for inspection Monday. Store open evenings. THE BON TON.

J. C. HARRISON, M. D., has finished his lectures here, but says he will be here next year. He leaves Sunday for Columbus. He can be seen at the Hotel Brunswick until midnight to-night.

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L. V. BROWN.

G. J. WEBSTER, of Harrisville, will sell a lot of fine horses at auction on December 15.

WANTED--A STRONG BOY WILLING to work in a notion store. Address W. J. office. Reference required.

BOY KILLED AT WELLSBURG.

He falls into an Abandoned Coal Shaft. His Body is Recovered.

At Wellsburg yesterday while a number of boys were playing catcher in the old Diamond coal works property, which has been shut down for a number of years, one of the boys, named Lawrence Letzkus, climbed to the top of the old back shaft, and while crossing the mouth a plank gave way, letting him fall a distance of seventy-five feet to the water, which filled the shaft to within sixty feet of the floor of the engine room. He was killed instantly. His body was recovered after much difficulty. When the works shut down everything was boarded up, but the boys at different times tore the boards down.

A Serious Accident.

About 6 o'clock yesterday evening the five-year-old son of John Koch, who lives on McCulloch street, near Caldwell's run, suffered an accident which may possibly render him a cripple for life. The boy was playing with some children and was accidentally knocked down. Not being able to get up, and complaining of suffering dreadful pain, he was carried into the house and Dr. Ford summoned. The doctor found that the child had sustained a complete fracture of the bone of the left leg, close to the hip joint. The fracture was reduced, and at last accounts the boy was resting as easy as could be expected.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

The river was falling yesterday, with 13 feet in the channel.

Morgantown--5 feet, 9 inches and falling; weather cloudy.

Warren--3 feet, 9 inches and falling; rainy.

Brownsville--7 feet, 1 inch and falling; weather cloudy and cool.

The H. K. Bedford will go up to Pittsburgh at 8 a. m. to-day.

At 10 o'clock last night the Courier swung off for Pittsburgh.

To-day's Cincinnati packet is the Scotia, and she will leave the landing for that port at 8 a. m.

The Matt F. Allen got away for Pittsburgh yesterday at 8 a. m.--At 11:30 a. m. the Ben Hur left for Pittsburgh.

The Adele, which went to Pittsburgh with a heavy tow of railroad ties, passed down for Marietta yesterday afternoon.

The Congo passed up from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh yesterday. She had 230 tons of pig iron aboard for the Alma mill.

Capt. William Prince, of the Belle Prince, came into port yesterday afternoon with a heavy tow of railroad ties, and left for Pittsburgh.

Steward J. W. White is at present on the Ben Hur. The dinner he gave to the traveling public on Thanksgiving day was away out of sight.

Wheeling brick pavements are known far and near. Yesterday afternoon the steamer Bennett passed down with four large barge loads of brick, bound for Memphis.

The Lizzie Bay and the Hudson got afloat of each other on Thursday, and the Lizzie Bay came out of the scrimmage minus a chimney and part of her gudge damaged.

River men think lots of rain will be needed to start the river on a rise again, after she has gone down. The last rise came chiefly from the snow on the mountains. The Allegheny has run out already.

The following boats are scheduled to leave to-morrow: The Ben Hur and the Keystone State will leave for Pittsburgh at 8 a. m. and the Lizzie Bay at 3 p. m. The Congo will pass down from Pittsburgh for Cincinnati an hour later. At noon the Courier will drop down to Parkersburg.

During yesterday and the day before the following towboats passed by Wheeling going down: The Time with 18 boats; Jim Brown, 15; Ark, 20; Onward, 18; Tom Dodsworth, 22; Ed Roberts, 20; Hornet, 19; Clifton, 19; Sam Brown, 15; Crescent, 20; John M. Wood, 18; John F. Walton, 17; J. A. Blackmore, 14; Joseph W. Gould, 16; Diamond, 17; Jim Wood, 17; J. C. Risher, 14; Eagle, 14; Dave Wood, 12; Nellie Walton, 14; John C. Fisher, 12. The Frank Gilmore and Acorn also took a lot of coal, and the Amy Roberts passed down with 18 boats.

We cannot excuse people for being cross when they suffer from colds. They are often too mean to buy a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, which would restore their good nature.

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DIED.

SHEPPARD--On Thursday, November 25, 1891, at 2:53 p. m., J. B. SHEPPARD, in his 72d year, Funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 21 Maryland street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited.

WEITZEL--On Thursday, November 25, 1891, at 1 o'clock, FRANK, youngest son of John J. and Josephine Weitzel, in his 4d year. Funeral from residence of parents, No. 425 Coal street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of family invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

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